





Dear Community Partner,

We hope you enjoy the January edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update, filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

HPL Named 2021 Educator of the Year: Last week, the Hedberg Public Library received a community honor when Forward Janesville, Inc. announced they had selected the library as their 2021 Educator of the Year. The award recognizes an individual or group who has actively encouraged partnerships between the business and educational communities. In 2021, over 15,000 people of all ages attended the HPL's classes and programs. Learn more about this accomplishment on the <u>City's website!</u>

JFD Adds Fifth Ambulance: On January 1, 2022, The Janesville Fire Department (JFD) added a fifth paramedic ambulance, Medic 843, to Fire Station 3 (435 N. Crosby Ave). With the new unit, the JFD now staffs an engine/truck company and an ambulance at all five of its fire stations. Medic 843 will bring a higher level of EMS care and significantly improve response times to the residents of the west side of Janesville and adjacent townships. Learn more about the JFD's EMS service on the City's website.

2022 Pavilion Reservations: City residents may now reserve park pavilions and picnic groves for 2022 with the Janesville Recreation Division! Available reservation dates are between April 15 and October 15. Reservations will open for non-residents on Monday, January 10. Fees for reservations vary with size, residency, and location and can be found online at www.janesvillewi.gov/pavilions.

JTS Offers Spring Semester Passes for JSD Students: With the School District of Janesville's (SDJ) second semester underway, JTS is happy to announce that spring semester passes are available at middle and high schools in Janesville. Semester passes cost \$120.00 and provide unlimited in-city rides for SDJ middle and high school students. For questions about this program, visit the <u>JTS website</u> or call (608) 755-3150.

Property Tax Bills: The City mailed 2021 Tax Bills on December 15, 2021. Every year, the City issues over 26,000 tax bills on behalf of taxing jurisdictions, including the City, Rock County, the School District of Janesville, Milton School District, and Blackhawk Technical College. 2021 Tax Bills are now available online through Rock County's <u>Tax Database Search</u> and the City's <u>eCov Property Search</u>.

Schedule a City Visit: Last month, the City team had a great time at the Parker High School College & Career Expo helping students learn about local government and career opportunities with the City. If you or your organization are interested in scheduling a tour of a City facility or a presentation from staff, visit www.janesvillewi.gov/presentation to get started.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- New Winter StoryWalk: The Janesville Recreation Division, in partnership with the Hedberg Public Library and the School District of Janesville, unveiled a new Winter StoryWalk® at the Robert O. Cook Memorial Arboretum (3550 W. County Highway A). A StoryWalk® is a book that is presented page-by-page on signposts. Visit the City's website to learn more!
- Janesville Public Art Trail: The Janesville Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau (JACVB) has unveiled a
 new map with information on all our community's murals, sculptures, historical markers, and other works
 of art. The detailed guide makes a handy resource for an outdoor excursion touring Janesville's many
 public art displays. Maps are available at JACVB's office (20 S. Main Street) or on their website.
- Beginning Archery Classes: The Janesville Recreation Division is again partnering with the dedicated archers at Janesville Bowmen, Inc. to offer beginning archery classes for youth or adults interested in learning more about this fun and growing sport. Families are encouraged to sign up together. Each session features group instruction, one-on-one instruction, and lots of shooting time! To pre-register for the program, visit www.janesvillewi.gov/register.

Questions? Contact Nick Faust, Communications Specialist at faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3094





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